

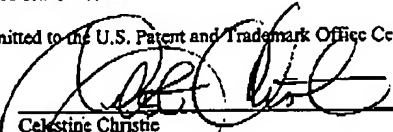
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PATENT

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Application No.	10/687,226	Group Art Unit:	3627
Applicant(s):	Gregory B. Hale <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Joseph A. Fischetti
Filing Date:	October 15, 2003	Docket No.	58085-010203
Title:	MANAGEMENT OF THE FLOW OF PERSONS IN RELATION TO CENTERS OF CROWD CONCENTRATION VIA TELEVISION CONTROL		
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This response is being submitted in reply to the communication of March 30, 2005 which includes an election requirement. This response is being timely filed within the shortened 30-day statutory period for response expiring on April 30, 2005 and accordingly no fee is due.

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the above-identified application and, pending the outcome of the traverse of the election requirement, are still under consideration.

The Election Requirement

The species election requirement states that the following species of the claimed invention are distinct:

Species I: Claim 1-16, drawn to a method of remote shopping, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

Species II: Claim 17-18, drawn to a computer system, classified in class 709, subclass 217.

Response to Election Requirement

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2005, kindly enter the following provisional election: Applicants provisionally elect Species I, with traverse. Claims that are readable upon provisionally elected species or embodiments of Species I include Claims 1-16.

The Election Requirement is traversed in the following grounds:


The requirement for election by the Examiner is respectfully traversed because of the relationship between the species or embodiments of Species I and Species II. A search of the claims read upon provisionally elected species or embodiments of Species I, drawn to a method for remote shopping, will necessarily encompass a search relating to species or embodiments of Species II, drawn to a computer system to facilitate such remote shopping.

Furthermore, the Examiner's request will impose an unnecessary burden, not only on the Applicant but also the public, as it would require multiple patents to cover the technology of the claims of the invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that

the election requirement be withdrawn and that all claims be examined together in the pending application.

Applicant has complied with all requirements made in the above referenced communication. Accordingly, examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested. Should matters remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,



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